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AMENDMENT IN RESPONSE TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION

MS Amendment Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

Applicants submit this paper in response to the Final Office Action mailed on August 25, 2008, which set a three-month shortened statutory period for reply ending on November 25, 2008. Accordingly, a Petition for the Extension of Time under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136 for two months is required. Applicants also authorize the Commissioner to charge any additional fees occasioned by this paper, or credit any overpayment of such fees, to Deposit Account No. 04-105. In response to the Office Action dated August 25, 2008, please amend the above-identified U.S. patent application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 3 of this paper.